

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Comments:

This interpretation applies to new preschools only.

Question: Under what code sections will the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office inspect new preschools?

Response: The Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Office will inspect preschools, nursery schools, head-start schools and the like under the appropriate codes sections of an educational or day-care occupancy depending upon the maximum number of clients present at any time and the intended use.

Where a facility is classified as a preschool it must meet the requirements of an educational occupancy when each of the following criteria are met.

1. The intended use is educational rather than day-care.
2. The facility is occupied by more than 6 clients for more than 4 hours per day or more than 12 hours per week.
3. The children attending the facility are of preschool age. Typical preschool ages are 3 to 5 years.

The facility should be classified as a day-care occupancy as defined in chapters 16 and 17 of the Life Safety Code, 2000 edition when any of the above criteria are not met.

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